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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS OF MATTER

CONCERNING APRIL/G70, BCMA, BLYS/AGP-3, AND

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2002, the Applicants hereby request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 11, replace line 15, with the following:

Figure 21 shows the sequence of Fc linked human APRIL (SEQ ID NO: 31).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 5 to 21, and 25 to 37.

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